

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Peter S. Mautino et al.  
Serial No.: 10/041,875  
Filing Date: January 7, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 3617  
Confirmation No.: 4951  
Examiner: Mark T. Le  
Title: Railway Car Coupler Knuckle Having  
Improved Bearing Surface

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the final Office Action transmitted January 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.